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QUETTA: Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki photographed with Senior Officers, Secretaries of Provincial Government and Inspector General of Police after a dinner hosted in their honour

12 after five more members-

elect joined the two parties

respectively. Three mem-

bers-elect joined PPP while

two joined PML-N increas-

ing the tally of members to

were elected members of

provincial assembly in the

February 8 elections. BAP,

NP and ANP secured four,

three and two general seats

in the elections respec-

BNP-Awami, BNP-Mengal, Jama'at-e-Islami

and Haq Do Tehreek had

also won the general elec-

tions from their respective

of the provincial assem-

postponed / stayed,

Results of three seats

One each candidate of

JUI-F's nine candidates

13 each.

BAP, NP & ANP obtain one reserved seat each:

PML-N, PPP secure four each, JUI-F gets two reserved seats in Balochistan Assembly

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) secured four each reserved seats of women and minorities in Balochistan's provincial assembly.

Similarly, Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) obtained three reserved seats while Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), National Party and Awami National Party (ANP) got one each reserved seats for women in the provincial

According to the notification of the reserved seats in Balochistan Assembly issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan on Friday, the PML-N's Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani, Hadia Nawaz and Rubaba Khan Buledi were elected as members of the in Balochistan Assembly, on the basis of priority list cial assembly.

Similarly, the PPP's had secured 10 general seats Ms. Ghazala Gola, Mina each in the Balochistan As-Majeed and Shahnaz sembly. However, their to-Umrani were elected as the tal strength reaches 13 and members of provincial assembly on the reserved seats for women while JUI-F's Ms. Shahida Rauf and Ms. Safia were also elected as the members of provincial assembly on the re-

served seats for women. Ms. Farah Azeem Shah of BAP, Ms. Umme Kulsoom and ANP's Salma Bibi were also elected as the members of provincial assembly on the seats reserved for women in the tively. provincial assembly.

While on the other hand, as far seats reserved for minorities, PML-N, PPP and JUI secured one

The PML-N's Patrick constituencies. Sant Maseih, PPP's Sanjay Kumar and JUI's Ravi provincial assembly on the seats reserved for women

Rumar and 3013 Ravi

Pahuja were declared sucbly including PB-7, PBcessful on the seats reserved

14 and PB-21 have been for minorities in the provin-It may be mentioned of ECP.

Punjab MPAs take oath in

inaugural session of assembly

LAHORE (APP): Punjab Assembly Speaker Muhammad

Sibtain Khan administered oath to the newly-elected members of the Punjab Assembly (PA) during the 42nd

315 members provincial assembly (MPAs) on taking oath

of their. He expressed the hope that they will discharge

scheduled time of 10 am. Punjab Assembly Secretary

Amer Habib, on the directions of the Chair, announced

the Panel of Chairman comprising MPAs Malik

Muhammad Ahmed Khan, Syed Ali Haider Gilani, Saima

Kanwal and Raheela Naeem. The Secretary also announced

the announced a schedule of the election to the office of

for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker may be submitted

by 5 pm on Friday (today). The scrutiny of the nomina-

tion papers for the Speaker will be held at 5.10 pm while

scrutiny of the Deputy Speaker's nomination papers will

be at 5.20 pm. The election of the Speaker and Deputy

Speaker will be held on February 24, 2024 (Saturday) through secret ballot in the assembly chambers.

Pakistan declares Israeli

actions in Gaza against

int'l laws, human rights

Law Minister calls Israeli occupation of West

Bank, East Jerusalem illegal; Pakistan

supports two-state solution; Terms Israel

policies as apartheid at UN court; Israeli

settlement policy making ending its

prolonged occupation more difficult

tinuing Israeli occupation of

Palestine. Arab countries,

Russia, and China voted in

favour of the move, while

Israel, the US, Germany,

and 24 others voted against

several weeks and would

not be binding, but many

observers believe that if the

ICJ declares the occupation

illegal, that would certainly

put pressure on Tel Aviv.

kicked off on February 19

and would continue until

The

proceedings

The ruling would take

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pa-

kistan on Friday joined

over 50 countries in advanc-

ing its argument in the his-

toric proceedings being con-

ducted by the International

Court of Justice (ICJ) in

The Hague to rule on the

illegal occupation of Pales-

tinian territories by Israel.

by a request from the UN

(UNGA) on December 30,

2022, when a majority of

members voted to seek the

court's opinion on the legal

General

The case was triggered

Assembly

consequences of the con- February 26.

According to the schedule, the nomination papers

the Speaker and Deputy Speaker PA.

The speaker chaired the session and felicitated the

Earlier, the PA session started two hours behind its

session at the assembly chambers here on Friday.

their duties to the aspirations of the masses.

stated in the notification Solangi says Journalists pillar of democracy, freedom of

expression ISLAMABAD (APP) Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solang said on Friday that journal ists were the main pillar of democracy and freedom of

expression in the country. The minister made these remarks during his risit to the Press Gallery of the Parliament House. He also held one-on-

one meetings with the jouralists in the press gallery. The minister said journalists were a mirror for the society who inform the public about the facts.

Solangi said the caretaker government had taken steps to promote freedom of expression in the coun try, adding

the caretaker govern-ment had fulfilled its responsibilities under the constitution and law by holding free, fair and transparent elections in the

The journalists in the oress gallery thanked Murtaza Solangi for visiting the press gallery.

Balochistan Awami Party to support PML-N QUĒTTA

Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) has announced its political support to Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz the center and Balochistan province.

BAP spokesperson Senator Kohda Babar Friday informed media persons that a delegation of BAP had met PM-nominated Mian Shehbaz Sharii

Jawabzada Khâlid Magsi ed the delegation that also included Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani and others.

He said formation of government and other issues were discussed during the meeting adding BAP eadership had decided to support PML-N at the Center and in Balochistan.

To ensure macroeconomic stability

IMF hints at working with newly elected government of Pakistan

Says during the tenure of the interim government, authorities 'maintained economic stability"

day after the PTI said founder Imran Khan would write to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) urging it to call for an independent audit of the Feb 8 general elections, the Fund stated that it is looking forward to engaging with the new government on policies to ensure "macroeconomic stability and prosperity for

On Thursday, PTI's Senator Ali Zafar had told reporters that a letter would be sent from Imran to the international lender. He said the IMF, the European and that condition would be Union and

all of Pakistan's citizens".

ISLAMABAD (INP): A organisations had a charter that stated that good gover-nance was needed for working in the country or giving a loan. "The most important condition for good governance is democracy," he said, adding that the people's mandate was stolen "in the darkness of the night" during the Feb 8 polls. He said that if elections were not free and fair, any organisation would avoid giving a "loan" to such a country. "Because that loan will further burden the people," he said. He said the PTI wanted an audit of the election results



QUETTA: Director Audit Local Government Balochistan Syed Naseebullah presenting Audit Report to Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali

Khan Kakar 15th Pakistan Pediatric Conference begins in Quetta:

Provision of basic healthcare facilities at doorstep of people big challenge, says Governor shops, hotels, garages and

Independent Report QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has stated that it is a big challenge for the government to provide basic healthcare facilities to the people at their doorstep mainly due to scattered

population in the province. The Governor regretfully pointed out that our innocent children are seen while working at different veloped era.

garbage dumps. He said that the illiterate people who are in the trap of poverty can't do anything for education and treatment of their children. Mr. Kakar also noted with great concern that hundreds of people die of the treatable diseases such as malaria, hepatitis, polio and tuberculosis every year in the province in the present de-

JCP recommends Justice Afghan's elevation to SC, Justice Shahzad as LHC CJ ISLAMABAD (INP): Khan as chief justice of the

The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) has recommended the elevation

(BHC) Chief Justice Islamabad on Friday. Naeem Akhtar Afghan to Both the recommen the Supreme Court and

Lahore High Court (LHC).
Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa chaired the JCP Balochistan High Court meeting which was held in Both the recommenda-

tions were made with the appointment of Justice consensus of the JCF members.



OUETTA: Members of Pakistan Youth Ittehad are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Quetta press club.

Caretaker Chief Minister Balochistan maintains:

Interim Govt ensured holding of peaceful elections, defended rights of province at every forum

the general elections in

the province in peace-

He referred differ-

ful manner.

caretaker set up.

Friday.

Independent Report

Minister ecuting pending devel-Balochistan, Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki has stated that the interim provincial government not only en-sured holding of general elections in extraordinary circumstances of the province but also defended its rights at every forum.

He said provision of healthcare, education and other basic facilities to the people and above all establishment of law and order in the province was no less than a challenge.
The caretaker Chief ent projects completed in short span of time of

Minister also said that the interim govern-

Unity vital to steer country out of challenges: **Shehbaz Sharif**

LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz President Shehbaz Sharif said on Friday that forging unity was essential to steer country out of existing chal

In a statement issued here, he said that collective efforts were direly needed for country's development

and prosperity. Shehbaz Sharif said that ensuring economic stability in the country was his top

He said that country could not tolerate instability, adding that contineos steps would be taken to strengthen the

to people.

"PML-N would take the country out of crisis under the dynamic leadership of PML-N Quaid Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif", he maintained.

Murad Ali Shah nominated as Sindh CM

KARACHI (APP): Paki stan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Friday formally announced that Syed Murad Ali Shah will be the next Chief Minister Sindh while Syed Awais Shah and Naveed Anthony will be the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of Sindh Assembly.

Addressing PPP Sindh's Parliamentary party meeting here at Bilawal House, Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said the provincial government will have to show better per formance and those educainstitutions tional (Schools) destroyed during 2022 floods should be re habilitated.

As far as performance is concerned, Sindh Govt should have to compete with Federal and other provincial governments, Bilawal maintained.

He said Agha Siraj Durrani performed well as Speaker Sindh Assembly and now we have decided to get our young members to lead the provincial legislature. Bilawal said oath-tak

ing of Sindh Assembly members will be held to morrow (Saturday) and the process for the formation of the new elected government will be started.

Habibur Rehman posted as Special Secretary S&GAD **Independent Report**

OUETTA: Balochistan Civil Service (BCS) Officer of Grade-19, Habibur Rehman, awaiting posting order, has been posted as the Special Secretary Services and General Administration Department (S&GAD), Government of Balochistan

This was announced in an official notification issued by the S&GAD here on Friday

ment played key role completed certain col-QUETTA: The caretaker lic issues besides exwhich otherwise were opment projects. Mr. Domki was adpending in the prov-

He said that we did dressing the gathering our best to provide of dinner reception maximum relief to the hosted for the administrative secretaries and people every possibly other high ups here on by improving service delivery system.

The caretaker Chief He stressed that Minister praised the co-operation of senior and we have to think better for the province hard working officers in and set our direction resolving the public issues besides conducting

The senior bureaucrat Dostain Jamaldini on the occasion appreciated the performance of interim provincial government under leadership of the Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki.



about the Kartarpur Corridor.

Kartarpur Corridor symbol of peace, Sikh Yatrees always welcome in Pakistan: President

ISLAMABAD (APP): promote peace and stabil-Friday said the Kartapur Corridor was a symbol of peace and Pakistan always welcomed Sikh Yatrees to visit their sacred places, extending them all possible

facilities.

During his visit to Kartarpur Corridor in Narowal, the president said that Pakistan, through the corridor, had conveyed a message to the world, expressing its desire for

He said such additional

mony would eventually

in the region.
"Sikhism has always

taught peace and unity, bringing people together" President Alvi said adding Pakistan's initiatives for the convenience of Sikh pilgrims, were commendable. On the occasion, Chief

Executive Officer of the Project Management Unit briefed the president on the measures taken to facilitate Sikh pilgrims in Kartarpur President Alvi was in-

formed about the Sikh relisteps of inter-religion harmony would eventually gion and the history of Kartarpur Sahib.

Dr. Amir Muhammad Jogezai meets Zubair Jamali: Performance of LEAs lauded for provision of peaceful environment during elections

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Provincial Minister for Health, Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai has appreciated the



performance of law enforcement agencies for providing peaceful environment to the voters during general elections in the province. Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai was speaking to the caretaker Provincial Minister for Home, Captain (Retd) Mir Muhammad Zubair Jamali during a meeting on Friday. The caretaker Minister for Health on the occasion congratulated the caretaker Minister for Home and his whole team on peaceful holding of the elections in Balochistan

Meanwhile, Mir Zubair Jamali apprised Dr. Jogezai about different steps taken for public welfare. During the course of meeting, different administrative matters and situation of law and order were also

Kiran Haider, Akhtar Bibi, Izbal Zehri and Aliya Kamran elected as MNAs on seats reserved for women **Independent Report**

OUETTA: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) got two seats reserved for women in National Assembly from Balochistan. Similarly, Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) secured one seat each reserved for women in the National Assembly from the province, as per the notification is-

Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Friday. According to the ECP's notification, PML-N's Ms. Kiran Haider and Akhtar Bibi were declared winner on the seats reserved for women in the National Assembly. Similarly, PPP's Izbal Zehri and JUI's Ms. Aliva Kamran were also elected as the members of National Assembly from Balochistan province.

sued here by the Election

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What next for PTI?

The incoming government has been carved up. With the major offices apportioned between the PML-N and PPP, the political hyenas will also be thrown a few bones.

One of them wants a few ministries; the other whatever morsel the new government can still spare. The incoming minority government will need as many lawmakers as it can afford by its side. Within days, this new political alliance will take control. On the other hand, the opposition, led by the PTI, has yet to find its feet. Since far exceeding expectations in the Feb 8 elections, it has not seemed too sure about what to do with its numbers. Though its government in KP is secure, it had also made claims on both Islamabad and Punjab. It has yet to show how it ever planned on forming the governments there after the ECP's results put it well short of a simple majority in both assemblies.

The PTI could go on making a 'moral' claim on the two assemblies, but that is not how executive power is secured. In the interim, its only option was to secure enough votes for its candidates from other parties. It chose not to. Further, though it merged with the Sunni Ittehad Council, that hardly improved its prospects. It is good for the party that, barring a handful, it managed to keep most of its elected lawmakers, and the merger will prevent any further defections; however, it seems unlikely it will get a share of reserved seats despite this move.

Therefore, barring a very significant revision in the ECP's announced results, the party seems destined to sit on the opposition benches. Is it prepared to do so? It needs strong leaders to guide the party in the assemblies and organise an effective opposition. Most of its old guard is gone, and its leader is

Perhaps the party really had not expected to be handed such a large mandate — this may explain the disarray within its ranks since the results. Perhaps it never intended to form the government, knowing well the difficult conditions in which it would be taking over; consider that neither did the PML-N and PPP seem too enthusiastic about their decision, till they were 'convinced' by higher powers. However, even the opposition needs coherent strategies if it wants to assert itself strongly. Even with the number of seats the PTI officially has, it remains in a good position to make things quite difficult for the PML-N, especially when the PPP's support for the government is subject to terms and conditions. Will it be able to capitalise, though? The opposition's success will hinge on a leadership that is reasonable and able to talk to other parties. Will the PTI be able to overcome itself?

Seeking IMF's help; PTI's Misguided Move

By Qamar Bashir

Former Press Secretary to the President; Former Press Minister to the Embassy of Pakistan to France; Former MD, SRBC



Saturday February 24, 2024

The decision by the with a strong legal further exacerbate this cadre, seemed out of trust deficit. place given the IMF's stability, and growth election symbol. through policy re-

volve itself in a validated nation's electoral mat- Khan's marriage to ters or judicial griev- Bushra Bibi, a deciances, which are sov- sion unprecedented in ereign issues. The ap- the context of Islamic peal to the IMF for jurisprudence. Suconly deviates from its of Imran Khan in despite the flaws of naestablished role but high-profile cases, tional institutions, also risks diminishing such as the Cypher, struggles should reour standing by mis- Toshakhana, and the main within the constiunderstanding the legality of his marscope of international riage, further alieninstitutions.

PTI's leadership to ous other legal chalseek IMF intervention lenges loom on the in electoral matters horizon. might reflect a profound mistrust in na- ment with

ternal elections and age was often sup- out from a halted IMF subsequent stripping pressed. The shift to negotiation, prompted of its election symbol, digital campaigning by PTI's request, which critically weak- saw further challenges, ened the party's standing. Additionally, the overwhelm- rupted or throttled. ing legal challenges This not only targeted and inflation, already faced by the PTI but also impacted at record highs, pushchairman, with over businesses, trade, and ing millions more into PTI, labeling the act as should adopt a former PTI chairman 200 cases lodged the broader populace, poverty. to petition the IMF for against him, and a exacerbating the alan electoral audit of perceived judicial in- ready compromised learning from past exdisputed election re- effectiveness, where reputation of the nasults struck many, in- court orders seem discluding myself and regarded and the only various opinion lead-ers, as a startling and and humiliated PTI misguided move. This members appears to request, especially be public disavowal coming from a party of their allegiance,

The erosion of well-defined mandate. trust in the judiciary The IMF focuses on was compounded international mon- when the Supreme economic support, E 1 e c t i o n dealing with financial Commission's deciassistance, economic sion to strip PTI of its

This sentiment deepened with a land-It does not in- mark ruling that in-Imran electoral scrutiny not cessive convictions ated PTI supporters, The decision by especially as numer-

The disillusiontional institutions. country's institutions while such actions conflicts. This disillusionment extended to the pre- might not directly harm could stem from vari- election phase, where the establishment, ju- could arm opponents by commentators, commitment ous grievances: the PTI faced considerable diciary, or government with grounds to ac-suggests a cycle strengthening establishment's overt obstacles in organizing officials who would cuse PTI of treason, where lessons from Pakistan's democratic antagonism, the Elec-public gatherings. continue to receive leading to possible le-previous setbacks are processes.

tion Commission's in- When these events did their salaries, the real with internet and mobile services being dis-

national entity like the domestic institutions.

this strategy might and its leadership. displease even some PTI supporters who favor internal resolution of issues, fearing party's unity.

tutional and legal boundaries, advocating for a domestic, democratic push for reence on sovereign mat-

validation of PTI's in- proceed, media cover- brunt of economic fallwould be borne by the common people.

They

percussions of alleg-Some may argue ing foreign involve- PTI's actions, while partiality into the audit troubles for its mem-party. process, addressing bers. Instead of riskfairer electoral pract the IMF in domestic capital the party etary stability and Court confirmed the tices but also spot- political disputes, gained following its light alleged irregu- they advocate for a strong performance in larities on a global more cautious ap- the 2024 elections, es- could focus on the stage, fostering inter- proach that avoids national advocacy for giving the government lets that had previ- oversight in the democratic integrity in and establishment ously shifted their face of domestic Pakistan. Conversely, reasons to target PTI

> in political and elecit could fragment the toral issues could be perceived as under-They contend that mining national sover- its tendency to repeat willing to explore all eling nationalist and anti-PTI sentiment.

politically isolating eignty and dignity. the PTI both within Critics argue that domestic political ciples at risk.

This

there's concern that political credibility. This could exacer- this approach could suggest state.

Prime time TV periences, like the re- shows might be pressured to denounce

pecially if media out- need for impartial support towards PTI challenges Critics might ar- tion rigging and the proactive approach gue that soliciting treatment of its mem- to safeguarding deforeign intervention bers reverse their mocracy.

might critique PTI for ward-thinking party considering Such a move risks for national sover-

Pakistan and on the professed commitinternational stage, as ment to upholding the

strategy behavior, as observed forcing the party's

gal actions against its not fully absorbed or leaders, a ban on the integrated into future party, and the nullifi- strategies, challengcation of its electoral ing the party's ability achievements in 2024. to maintain its narra-Furthermore, tive consistency and

Now that the arbate unemployment prompt a coordinated row has been fired, media and civil soci- and damage has ety backlash against been done, the PTI unpatriotic and anti- comprehensive and sustained strategy to damage control.

They should give positive spin to this blunder by framing that involving an interment in regime ad campaigns across PTI's decision to inchange, which cost traditional and so-ternationalize the is-IMF could introduce PTI its government cial media could fur- sue of electoral integtransparency and im- and led to legal ther condemn the rity in Pakistan to the party's commitment to Engagement of transparency and fair the trust deficit with ing further isolation civil society groups to play, highlighting domestic institutions. and legal action by criticize PTI could how this unprec-This approach engaging with inter- lead to a significant edented step could might not only ensure national bodies like loss of the political pave the way for more accountable electoral processes.

The narrative due to perceived elec- frame the move as a

This spin would Media analysts portray PTI as a foreignty, potentially fu- past mistakes without avenues to ensure the the sanctity of the elecbroader implications toral process, thus aligning its actions with global best prac-Despite PTI's tices for democratic

Open dialogue, form without foreign it could be viewed as country's honor, its transparency in their intervention or influ- an excessive measure actions, perceived as actions, and a unified or a misuse of interna- impulsive, often put front from leadership tional institutions for its narrative and prin- at all levels will be This pattern of criticism and rein-

Commerce News

Punjab Governor says: Caretaker Punjab govt taken

commendable steps for the welfare of the people

Independent Report

Caretaker Minister, Provincial Ibrahim Hasan Murad paid a farewell call on Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Mohsin Naqvi, in a short Governor House Lahore. period of time. During the meeting, the provincial minister briefed the Governor Punjab in detail about the measures Government, Transport, Livestock and Mines as the caretaker provincial

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab political parties should

caretaker commendable steps for the welfare of the people under the leadership of caretaker Chief Minister Punjab,

He said that the hoped that the newly country. He further said that political stability is

Muhammad Balighur play a positive role for the Rehman said that the development and department

Punjab prosperity of the country government has taken and the nation while keeping their personal interest aside.

Caretaker Provincial Minister Ibrahim Hasan Murad said that he did not take privileges as a Caretaker Provincial government formation Minister. He said and phase has started, it is added that he and the Caretaker Cabinet tried taken to improve the elected government will hard to serve the people in performance of the bring more improvement a short period of time and departments of Local and stability in the bring improvements in the system.

He said that as a indispensable for economic stability in the country.

He said that all provincial minister, he made various reforms in his respective departments, provincial minister, he which increased the of departments.

World Bank delegation visits GCU

AHORE (APP): delegation from the World Bank, led by Senior Economist Ms. Inga Afanasieve and Education Specialist Ms. Tashmina Rahman, visited the GC University Lahore along with the Higher Education Development Project (HEDP) team led by Project Director Dr. Mahmood Ul Hassan

university officials, including Prof. Dr. Hamid Mukhtar, Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Dr. Fouzia Shahin, Director of Academic Planning & External Linkages (AP&EL).

The World Bank and HEDP teams were briefed about the operations of GCU's administrative and academic departments, the implementation of the revised Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP), including student support internship mechanisms, and the role of HEDP in promoting

academic reforms



Kartarpur Corridor.

Federal Ombudsman for **Insurance organizes** national conference

Insurance organized a two-day 4th annual national conference at its here on Friday. regional office, focusing on reviewing the department's

performance over the previous and current

LAHORE (APP): The department, advisors. Federal Ombudsman for consultants, and CEOs of here on Friday.
Chaired by the

Federal Ombudsman for Insurance Dr. Khawar Jameel and hosted by Regional Advisor incharge Lahore Abdul Basit The conference also included a briefing on the emphasized the need to redressal of public expedite measures for complaints related to providing quick and insurance companies. The efficient justice to event was attended by all complainants regarding regional heads of the insurance companies.

DIG for ensuring foolproof security on **Shab-e-Barat** LARKANA

DIG Larkana Aftab Nasir the Larkana police range on high alert while directing all the SSPs to ensure safe security on the night of Shab-e-Barat.

The police spokesman informed here on Friday that the SSPs had been directed to deploy policemen at all the mosques, imambargahs, shrines and graveyards. He added that the DIG had emphasized taking strict action against aerial firing and the sale as well as the use of fireworks.

PDC celebrates white coat ceremony

Independent Report PESHAWAR: Peshawar Dental College (PDC) hosted its prestigious White Coat Ceremony, a significant event attended by esteemed figures in the medical field, dedicated faculty members, enthusiastic students, and proud parents.

The event featured key personalities, including CEO Dr. Iftikhar Husain, Prof. Dr. Hafeez ur Rahman ,Dean, PMC, Prof. Dr. Saeed Anwar Executive Director, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Aman Khan, Principal, PMC, and Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhtar Principal, PDC. Dr. Saba Siraj skillfully managed the proceedings as the stage

secretary.
Addressing

audience, Prof. Dr. Hafeez ur Rahman extended heartfelt congratulations to

the students, commending their achievement in gaining admission to the esteemed dental profession. He emphasized the importance of cultivating a positive attitude of gratitude, professional competence, ethical values, and a profound love for learning while maintaining respect for teachers.

Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhtar highlighted PDC's commitment to providing state-of-the-art facilities and attitudinal training to produce well-mannered doctors. The ceremony also witnessed Dr. Nasiha Mottahir administering the oath to the budding



LAHORE: Caretaker Provincial Minister, Ibrahim Hasan Murad paid a farewell call on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman at Governor House.

persons during first session of Punjab Assembly Call for showcasing KP's historical significance through digital media in the Provincial Capital. The delegation ANF recovers 331 kg engaged in discussions with PESHAWAR (APP): Pass of human remains in Soan caves, who fulfilled their utensils for kitchen during Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Adnan Ahmad and Valley in Pakistani Punjab Carrying a primitive history, Khyber Bakhtzada Khan, senior research officer. province as evidence of the drugs in 10 operations

RAWALPINDI (APP): Anti- Courier Office. 68 Ice-Narcotics Force (ANF) Pakistan while conducting 10 operations across the country managed to recover over 331 kg of drugs and arrested 11 accused, said an ANF Headquarters spokesman here on Friday. He informed that 10.5 kg heroin was recovered from a parcel being sent to the UK at Cargo Office Islamabad

arrested. In another operation, 2.5 kg of Ice was recovered from a parcel being sent to suspects arrested from M-Sri Lanka at the Lahore

while an accused was also

filled capsules were recovered from a passenger going to Qatar at Islamabad Airport.1.8 kg hashish was recovered from a Dohabound passenger, arrested at Peshawar Airport. 330 grams of cocaine

LAHORE: Speaker Punjab Assembly Sardar

Muhammad Sibtain Khan talking with media

was recovered from a parcel sent from Nigeria at Lahore Airport.

255 kg opium was recovered from the Galikank Mustang area and 29 kg hashish was recovered from two 1 Motorway Islamabad.

history, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is a unique province that witnessed the oldest civilizations including Ghandhara requiring proper projection on digital media to attract foreign investment imperative for rural development.

Being a gateway to Indo-Pakistan subcontinent, Khyber Pakthunkhwa having about 3,000 years old history carried a unique geographical location, archaeological heritage and primitive history that saw an onslaught of invaders who marched to India through historic Khyber

archeology department told APP on Friday that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa carried one of the richest histories in subcontinent where followers of almost all religions had come and for stayed accomplishment of their

religions Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity gained roots for many years in Khyberv Pakhtunkhwa before

living here.

political, trade and business objectives. Resultantly, different including 27,000 years before present) in KP."

m. These people were and stones made pots,
He said the discovery living in stones-made crockery and others related

stones and bones' tools animals. dating from around (2 million to 90,000 years before present) of the

Early Paleolithic period had signified that people were 'Sangaro cave's excavations at village Mian Khan in Mardan district excavations at Khanpur in Haripur district and conducted by renowned Sangaro Cave signified archeologists Ahmad Hasan Dhani and Farid presence of humans' life in Swat and Dir where Khan in 1963 had revealed every stone speaks about the presence of people's remains in the Middle their life style, culture, Paleolithic period (9,000 to civilizations, he informed.

people started making clay

food's needs mostly from Neolithic period or hunting of birds and commonly known as new The discoveries of 8,000 years before as primitive rocks, bones evident from excavations of and hunting tools dating historic Mehar Gharh in

It was found that

stone-age dating back some back of Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age (10,000 to 8,600 years before present) during Tarkai Swabi.

These strong evidence had magnified that people were living in the stone and mud houses in those primordial era. The graves of Aryans

invaders were also discovered at Aligram Swat, Sangota Chitral and Timergara Dir Lower dating back of the Dark Ages period of around 2,000BC.

Commerce Minister's visit to Saudia strengthens bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): The caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industries, Dr. Gohar Ejaz led a delegation to Saudi Arabia from February 21-22 to strengthen the Kassabi, and the Minister robust bilateral relationship between the bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih. two countries and to explore new opportunities Finance for collaboration and

economic growth. According to a press statement issued by the Muslim World League, Dr. Ministry of Commerce here Friday, the delegation members included Puniab Investment Minister, S.M. Tanveer and other senior officials from the Saud, hosted a dinner in Ministries of Commerce, Interior, Board of his delegation at his strengthening business and Investment, and the residence in Dirriyah, trade relations between the Federation of Pakistan Riyadh. During his two countries and Chambers of Commerce & bilateral engagements with

During the visit, the Commerce and Investment,

LAHORE: Vendors arranging and displaying

Unlocking Pakistan's digital future:

Insights from Telenor

Asia's Digital lives

decoded study

strawberry to attract the customers.

Telenor Asia unveiled the

findings of its second-year

study of 'Digital Lives Decoded,' shedding light on

the pivotal role of mobile

devices in shaping daily life

several key drivers behind

mobile use, including

forging healthy social

connections, opening new

opportunities, ensuring online safety, fostering skill

development,

The study identified

in Pakistan.

meetings with the Minister of Interior, Prince Abdul of the private sector Aziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, the Minister of Commerce, Dr Majid bin Abdullah Alof Investment, Eng. Khalid

He also met Saudi

Minister, Mohammed Al-Jadaan and held a meeting with the Secretary General of the Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, the statement said adding that Prince Mansour bin Muhammad bin Saad Alhonour of the Minister and

delegation including Arif Habib (Arif Habib Group), Fawad Mukhtar (Fatima Fertilizers), Muhammad Ali Tabba (Lucky Group), Raza Jaffar (Global Sustainability Network), Shahid Soorty (Soorty Enterprises), Bashir Jan Muhammad (Dalda Foods Ltd.), Asim Siddiqui (Pakistan Intermodal Limited), Shahbaz Malik (Hilton Pharma), and Anwar Ghani (Ghani Glass).

of the private sector

Saudi Commerce Minister, Dr. Majid Al-Kassabi underscored the importance appreciated the efforts of

Ministers of Dr. Ejaz for bringing an During the visit, the Minister held bilateral Dr Gohar Ejaz was also delegation to Riyadh. Call to solve issues of

SME sector AISALABAD (APP): The SME sector is the growth engine of the national economy and problems of this sector it must be resolved on top priority basis, said Dr Sajjad Arshad, Acting President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI).

He along with Vice

President Muhammad Aslam Bhalli Mian Muhammad Tayyab and Hajji Muhammad Abid visited the Small Industrial Estate (SIE) on the special request of Mr. Sanaullah Niazi, Convener FCCI Standing Committee on SIE Nalka Kohala. Dr Sajjad appreciated the efforts of Mr. Sanaullah Niazi to resolve the long pending issues which were hampering the smooth functioning of the SIE. He said that the FCCI would take measures to resolve the issues. In this connection, a comprehensive feedback system has been introduced to remain in touch with departments concerned till the final disposal of the

issues.



Nepal) to Pakistan and President SCCI Abdul Ghafoor Malik with exporters at Chamber of Commerce.

Ambassador says: Nepal keen to promote trade ties with Pakistan

Ambassador of Nepal to Pakistan Tapas Adhikari has urged the Sialkot exporters to come forward and explore the untapped international trade markets of Nepal to promote the bilateral trade between both countries.

He stated this while addressing a meeting of Sialkot exporters held at Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) here on Friday. President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Ghafoor Malik,

Assurance Ltd., the

nation's premier insurance

company to introduce the

industry's first Takaful

(Shariah-complaint)

offering for its subscribers.

subscribers can opt for

low-cost Takaful products

Through

collaboration,

Sialkot business community were also present on this occasion. Ambassador of Nepal

pledged full support to ensure the easy access of Pakistan business community to international trade markets of Nepal.

The Ambassador appreciated the role of Sialkot in the Economic Development of the Country. He said that undoubtedly Sialkot is the

customer's entire family

will be able to utilize virtual

healthcare benefits. Sharing

his thoughts on the

Commercial Officer at Jazz, said, "We are Excited

to partner with EFU Life

to include a full suite of

Kazim

Chief

development,

Mujtaba,

SCCI's Vice President (VP) hub of manufacturing Amer Majeed Sheikh and Sialkot business goods and different kind of items. He shared that on March 7-11, 2024 a Nepal Chamber Expo to Pakistan Tapas Adhikari 2024 is going to be held in Nepal, and suggested that the business community of Sialkot should participate in that for B2B meetings.
Moreover, he also

shared that on April 27, 2024 Nepal Investment Summit is planned in Nepal which will prove to be a great opportunity for investors from Pakistan.

Gold rates decrease by Rs 1,200 per tola

ISLAMABAD (APP): The price of per tola 24 karat gold decreased by Rs 1,200 and was sold at Rs 214,100 on Friday compared to its sale at Rs 215,300 on the last trading day.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also decreased by Rs 1,029 to Rs 183,556 from Rs 184,585 whereas the prices of 10 gram 22 karat gold went down to Rs 168,260 from Rs 169,203 the All from Rs 169,203, the All Sindh Sarafa Jewellers Association reported.

Pakistan's cotton yarn exports to China surged by 46.7% in 2023

BEIJING (APP): In 2023, the large price difference China's import of cotton yarn from Pakistan reached a record high of \$ 695,622,837, marking a significant surge of 46.7% during the year 2023, data from China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textile and Apparel (CCCT) showed.

Recently, the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) released a report stating that due to the decline in production capacity has affected the demand for intermediates, China Economic Net (CEN)

between domestic and foreign cotton yarns after the second quarter, the importers' intentions continued to rise, resulting in the recent arrival of imported yarns, which pushed up the imports.

Among them, India, Pakistan and Uzbekistan increased their exports of cotton yarn to China by 243.2%, 351.1% and 867.1% respectively last

And for the whole year, cotton yarn from Pakistan accounts for 15.8% of China's cotton As per CCCT, due to yarn imports.

Malik Sohail says: Govt to regularize salt trade, develop branding mechanism to sell item in Intl market

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(SLAMABAD: special focus being given by the government of Pakistan to regularize salt trade and develop a branding mechanism to sell the commodity international market at President FPCCI, Mr.

Meilander, VP Operation The and Martyn Element. The meeting was attended by a large number of people from mineral and mining and other sector of Pakistan prominently Dr. Afshan Malik, Advoiser to



definitely give a new impetus to the industry, this was stated by Malik Sohail. Chairman Coordination of FPCCI on behalf of President FPCCI Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh in a meeting with President and Chairman of Board of Directors of Miracle Salt Collective Inc. USA who visited FPCCI Capital Office, Islamabad along with CEO of the company Mr. Robert Harrison and Mr. Tad Ballantyne, Vice President Global Financing, Mr. Jaffery Industry (FPCCI).

FPCCI Standing Committee, Mr. Mr. Shokuat Masood, Mr. Johar Ali raki former Vice President FPCCI, Mr. Ahmed Khan President IIA, Mr. Shakeel Munir, Zahid Maqbool Former President ICCI, M. Arif But, Farukh Alvi, Syed Ariqee Ahmed Gilani, Ghulam Nasir, Abdul Wahab Bezinjo and other. While highlighting the pivotal role of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce &

International News

with unique benefits industry's first Shariah-

including a health wallet, complaint products within cancer protection, and a single program.

Jazz, EFU life introduce

Takaful to broaden

financial inclusion

ISLAMABAD (APP): coverage for female major medical illnesses, said a digital operator has news release issued here on

digital operator has news release issued here on collaborated with EFU Life Friday. In addition, the

this

Jazz

– <u>–Pompeo–says:</u> –

promoting environmental

consciousness, said a news

release issued here on

Friday. The first Digital

Lives Decoded study in

2022 came at a time when

Pakistan was emerging

from a global pandemic and

the pace of digital adoption

accelerated. Building upon

the foundation laid by its

predecessor, Digital Lives

Decoded 2023 offers a

comprehensive analysis of

mobile usage and its impact

and on key facets of daily life.

West must return to imposing cost on Iran's 'malign activity' to restore Mideast stability

LONDON: Taking away Iran's ability to create instability in the Middle East was the driving force behind the 2020 Abraham Accords, and US policy needs to move back toward imposing a cost on Tehran's malign actions, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Thursday.

The accords were agreements signed by the UAE and Bahrain to normalize relations with Israel, brokered by then-US President Donald Trump. Sudan and Morocco also later agreed to establish ties with

Pompeo told the Fu- Oct. 7. ture Investment Initiative Priority forum in Miami

lation to signing the accords happened due to a "central thesis" held by all involved that Tehran was the "malign actor" in the region.

"You should know, I'm hopelessly biased as they're still trying to kill me. If you see me walking around with a security team, it's not because I enjoy it but because I still need it," he said. "I think that's telling. You can see (Iran's) hand in what happened in Gaza. They supported, funded and essentially facilitated the capacity for Hamas to carry out the barbaric attacks (on Israel) which took place on

"Today, without the Iranian support you'd still

that the process of formu- have shipping through the having to move some other way because you've got missiles being launched into (the area) with relatively good accuracy. "Nearly all the instability that takes place in the Middle East is as a direct result of that regime in Iran. The United States had the lead in deterring them and

> Pompeo praised Saudi Aramco for stabilizing oil markets following an attack claimed by the Iran-backed Houthis on its facilities in Abqaiq-Khurais in eastern Saudi Arabia, but pinpointed that attack as the eginning of the end of the US and the West being able to deter Tehran.

we've lost that.'



Palestinian men check whatever is left of the homes in a building hit by overnight Israeli air strikes in Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip.

EU imposes new sanctions on Russia

European Union has adopted its 13th package of sanctions against Russia, the European Council said in a press release on Friday.

The measures targeting 106 individuals and 88 entities were introduced ahead of the second anniversary of the start of Russia's military operation against Ukraine, the document noted.

The new sanctions primarily target the military and defense sectors. along with associated individuals, as well as members of the judiciary.

MOSCOW (Online): The ties include asset freezes and a travel ban. They also forbid EU citizens and companies from making funds available to them.

> The new sanctions also restrict trade in dualuse goods as well as technologies and electronic components that could be used by Russia's military and industrial complex. Components for the development and production of unmanned aerial vehicles have also been added to the list of restricted items. Some of the sanctioned entities are located in third countries, such as India, China, and

security agreement

Monitoring Desk

KYIV: Volodymyr Zelensky and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen signed a 10-year agreement on security cooperation between Ukraine and Denmark on Feb. 23 in Lviv, Deputy Head of the Presidential Office Ihor

The U.K., Germany, and France have earlier signed similar deals to help Ukraine repel Russia's ag-

gression based on a pledge

Denmark is the first non-G7 country to finalize the deal. Copenhagen announced already on Feb. 22 that it is signing the treaty with Kyiv. The deal, concluded on the eve of the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, allocates 1.8 billion euros (\$1.95 billion) in Danish support Ukraine in 2024.

Top German adviser in

China for

high-level talks Monitoring Desk BEIJING: A top adviser to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is in China for talks

Ukraine and on bilateral ties. Foreign and security policy adviser Jens Plötner told China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Beijing that the talks would also be an opportunity to discuss the war in the Middle East, and the tensions in North Ko-

focussing on the conflict in

According Plötner, the German government attaches "great importance" to its relationship with China and plans to further develop economic relations.

Sweden has around 62,000 persons linked to criminal gangs, police sav

STOCKHOLM (Internews): About 62,000 persons are active in, or have connections to, criminal networks in Sweden, the police said on Friday, where the authorities have struggled for years to contain violence linked to organised crime. Deadly shootings have more than tripled over the past decade in this Nordic nation of 10 million people.

UN agency for Palestinian refugees at 'breaking point': chief the occupied territories,

Monitoring Desk York: The UN agency for Palestinian refugees warned Thursday it has reached a critical juncture as it struggles to cope with the war in Gaza. "It is with profound regret that I must now inform you that UNRWA has reached a breaking point,"

chief Philippe Lazzarini said,

as donors freeze funding, Is-

rael exerts pressure to dis-

mantle the agency and hu-

manitarian needs soar. 'The Agency's ability to fulfill the mandate given through General Assembly resolution 302 is now seriously threatened," he said in a letter to the assembly.

That is the resolution under which the agency was founded in 1949, following the creation of Israel. UNRWA employs some 30,000 people working in Palestinian conflict.

have suspended funding to UNRWA in response to Israeli allegations that some of its staff participated in the October 7 attack on Israel. In an interview published over the weekend, Lazzarini said \$438 million has been frozen the equivalent of more than half of expected funding for 2024. He said Israel was waging a con-

Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.

Britain, Germany and Japan

Several countries including the United States,

certed effort to destroy UNRWA. The UN fired the employees accused by Israel and has begun an internal probe of UNRWA. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has also tasked an independent panel with assessing whether UNRWA acts neutrally in the Israeli-

Immediate cease-fire in Gaza is imperative: **Chinese envoy**

UNITED (INP): A Chinese envoy said that an immediate cease-fire in Gaza is imperative and that the essence of any Security Council action is to achieve an immediate cease-fire

The U.S. veto of an Algerian-drafted resolution on Tuesday meant that the Security Council missed yet another opportunity to push for a cease-fire in Gaza. The continuation of

the conflict even for another day would cause even more civilian casualties and lead to a greater catastrophe. An immediate cease-

fire in Gaza is an urgent imperative to save innocent lives and to prevent a wider war, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations.

"An cease-fire is the common wish voiced by the international community and the consensus of the Security Council's over-

NATIONS whelming majority," he told the Security Council

China is aware that the United States has tabled its own draft resolution. China hopes that the United States will show a responsible attitude, respond positively to the international call and respect the established consensus among Security Council members, said Zhang. 'We need to point

out that the essence of any action of this council is to achieve an immediate cease-fire.

Any message sent out via our action must be clear, unequivocal, unambiguous, and unmistakable, rather than prevaricate or beat about the

bush," he said.
"At this point, the Council needs to demonimmediate strate a strong resolve rather than negotiating skills only." The military offensive into Rafah must cease immediately, he said, according to XINHUA.

Police move a makeshift barricade at the site of a protest as farmers march towards New Delhi to push for better crop prices promised to them in 2021, at Shambhu Barrier, the border between Punjab and Haryana states, India.

Von der Leyen: EU plans to unlock €137 billion for Poland

Monitoring Desk Warsaw: The European Union is to release €137 billion of withheld funds from Poland due to rule of law concerns, European

Commission President

Ursula von der Leyen said

on Friday. Next week, the commission "will come forward with two decisions on European funds that are currently blocked for Poland," von der Leyen said at a press briefing in Warsaw. "These decisions will free up €137 billion for Po-

Concerns about judireforms under Poland's previous nationprompted the commission to withhold money from the EU budget that would normally have been spent

But in October, the nationalist Law and Justice Party (PiS) was ousted by a centrist coalition led by former European Council President Donald Tusk, who has sought to undo the changes PiS made and restore Poland's EU funding.

US clinches first touchdown in 50 years **Monitoring Desk** WASHINGTŐN:

Moon landing:

spacecraft built and flown by Texas-based company Intuitive Machines landed near the moon's south pole on Thursday, the first U.S. touchdown on the lunar surface in more than half

a century and the first ever achieved by the private sector. NASA, with several research instruments aboard the vehicle, hailed the landing as a major achievement in its goal of sending a squad of com-mercially flown spacecraft on scientific scouting missions to the moon

ahead of a planned return

of astronauts there later

this decade.

But initial communications problems following Thursday's landing raised questions about whether the vehicle may have been left impaired or obstructed in some way. The uncrewed six-legged robot lander, Odysseus, dubbed touched down at about 6:23 p.m. EST (2323 GMT).

The measures against Türkiye, the document the listed persons and enti- adds. Ukraine, Denmark finalize long-term

President

Zhovkva said.

made by the Group of Seven (G7) last July.



PESHAWAR: Activists of Markazi Muslim League (PMML) are holding protest demonstration against supreme court ruling, at Peshawar press club.

CPEC projects underway in Pakistan to help local economy

nomic Corridor (CPEC) projects are making renewed progress as the CPEC, a flagship project under the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), enters its next phase, helping the country to alleviate energy shortages and empowering its economic growth. "Entering 2024, CPEC projects have achieved new progress," the Global Times reported.

"The Karot hydropower project, a 720 megawatt (MW) hydropower plant developed on the Jhelum River in Pakistan and the first ever large-scale hydropower project under the BRI, has generated a total of 3.1 billion kilowatt Corporation, which invested in and is leading construction of the project, announced on its website.

In December, two China-donated projects, including a seawater desalination plant and the upgrade of the Pak-China Friendship Hospital, were inaugurated in the Gwadar district of southwestern Balochistan province. The desalination

plant will provide 5,000 tons per day of potable water to help address a severe drinking water shortage, while the Pak-China Friendship Hospital has boosted its capacity to 150 beds from the original 50.

"At the Karachi

use Hualong One, China's third-generation nuclear power reactor with full intellectual property rights, are churning out a combined 20 billion kilowatt hours each year, satisfying the production and residential electricity use of two million people while saving energy equivalent to 6.24 million tons of standard coal," the Global Times learned from China Na-

tional Nuclear Corporation. In July last year, Unit (C-5) of the Chashma Nuclear Power Plant broke ground, marking the 7th nuclear reactor exported from China to Pakistan.

"Pakistan is on the right side of history by

BEIJING (APP): A number of China-Pakistan Eco- 2023," China Three Gorges K2 and K3 units that both game changer. CPEC's second phase will unveil record development and economic uplift in the country," said Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Defense.

Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking Gwadar port with Kashi in Northwest China's Xinjiang region, highlighting energy, transportation, and industrial cooperation. In its first phase, the CPEC added more than 8,000 MW of power-generating capacity to the Pakistani national grid. More than 800 kilometers of highways were built, while more than 800 kilometers of fiber-optic cable were laid.

All possible facilities to be ensured for Hujjaj intending hajj 2024: Aneeq

Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmed Friday said that all possible facilities will be provided to Pakistani pilgrims during this year's hajj where special training programs were also being conducted at the district level through camps managed by the religious affairs ministry.

In an exclusive interview with PTV news channel, he said that under the supervision of the Pakistan Hajj mission special catering companies were being arranged to feed pilgrims under a government scheme and will ensure quality and

Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez.

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QUETTA: The free treat-

ment of heart patient chil-

dren has been started at the

Sheikh Muhammad Bin

(SMBZAN) Institute of

Cardiology Quetta (ICQ)

According to an official handout issued here on

Friday, the free treatment

of the children suffering

from heart diseases has been

started in collaboration with

Al-Nahyan

QUETTA: Chief Executive Officer of BRSP Tahir

Rasheed meeting with Vice Chancellor BUITEMS

Free treatment of heart

patient kids starts

at SMBZAN ICQ

the National Institute of the heart patient children.

DEO distributes appointment

orders among 16 relatives

of employees in Lasbela

QUETTA (APP):District Hashmi, GTA Lasbela Education Officer (DEO) Chairman Abdul Wahid

Education (Male) Lasbela congratulated the candidates Haji Naveed Ahmed recruited on the quota.

DC Duki reviews steps

of annual admission

drive in govt schools

QUETTA (APP): Deputy others. It was decided in the

Muhammad

Anwar Jamali on Friday

distributed appointment

orders among 16 relatives

of employees who had died

in Education Department

attended by District Officer

Commissioner (DC) Duki

Captain (Rtd) Fayyaz Ali

on Friday chaired a meet-

ing of the District Educa-

tion Group to review mea-

sures of Annual admission

drive in government schools

in the area. The meeting

was attended by District

Education Officer (DEO)

Naseebullah Nasir, Educa-

tion Manager Ubaid Khan

Tareen, DDOE Thal Faqirullah Tareen, Senior

Clerk Mujibur Rahman

The Ceremony was

Cardiology and Vascular Diseases (NICVD).

tients would remain confin-

ued from March 9-10. The Head of Pediatric

Cardiology, NICVD, Dr Abdul Sattar Sheikh would

provide services at the

Moreover, the expert doctors of NICVD would

also perform the opera-

tions, angioplasty and other

complicated procedures of

Chairman Abdul Wahid

Soomro, Ahmed Khan

Ronjho and others orga-

nized by DEO of Lasbella.

trict Officer Education

(Male) Lasbela Haji Naveed

Ahmed Hashmi, Chairman

of GTA Lasbela Abdul

Wahid Soomro spoke and

meeting that action will be

taken against the absent of-

ficers of District Education

Group and the Annual en-

rolment campaign would be

vigorously pursued so that

more and more children

could be equipped with the

jewel of education. The

meeting said that the target

of 1384 of children would

be achieved during the drive

saying that he would coop-

erate with the district admin-

istration and Education De-

On this occasion, Dis-

The treatment of pa-

safety standards at every monitor and address any step. Minister said that this year Pakistan Hajj mission is offering simplified transportation services to Pakistani pilgrims with standard buses ensuring round-thetransport department will fully dedicate themselves to the sacred duty. A comprehensive transportation guidelines had also been issued at each building, he added. The caretaker government had introduced several new services for the pilgrims to help them perform the rituals with com-

other specialized units, such as a Wheelchair Desk have been established to cater to clock, adding that, the the specific needs of different groups of pilgrims. Replying to a question, he said in a bid to improve the Hajj pilgrimage experience for travelers in 2024, the federal government has also unveiled a comprehensive update to the Hajj package, adding that, first time in history government has introduced a shorter 20 to 25day Hajj program in which we will provide pilgrims fort and ease, he mentioned. Monitoring Cell has with a more concise. been put in place to closely

Five injured in Darazinda motorbike blast

potential issues of the pri-

vate Pilgrims, he said, add-

ing, furthermore, various

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): Five people were injured in an explosion that occurred in the main Bazaar of Tehsil Darazinda on Fri-

According to a Rescue 1122 spokesman, the explosive device, planted on a motorbike parked near a local hotel in the Bazaar exploded due to which five people got injured.

The medical teams of Rescue 1122 immediately reached the site and shifted the injured people to the hospital. Two of the injured persons are in critical

Independent Report University Balochistan is heading to-

come worst.

It was stressed that there is also dire need to stop wastage and plundering of the resources for building scientific narrative besides promoting research

tional University of Sci-

ences and Technology.



NAROWAL: President Dr Arif Alvi being briefed about Kartarpur Corridor at Zero Line/International Border.

ECP allocates Punjab's reserved NA

women seats

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has unveiled the allotment of 20 reserved seats for women in the National Assembly from Punjab, with the majority going to the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz

(PML-N) The ECP spokesperson mentioned that the commission is currently reviewing the issue concerning the allocation of reserved seats for the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC).

According to the ECP, the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) received 17 seats, with one seat each allocated to the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), the Pakistan Muslim League, and Istehkame-Pakistan Party.

Tharabi Lake contract: **Court sends** Imran Riaz to jail on judicial remand

LAHORE (APP): A local court on Friday sent anchorperson Imran Riaz Khan to jail on judicial remand in a case of acquiring the Tharabi Lake contract at reduced prices. Earlier, the Anti-Cor-

ruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab officials produced the anchorperson before Judicial Magistrate Imran Abid, in district courts, and requested a 14-day physical remand for investigations. Imran However,

Riaz's counsel argued that the case was registered in violation of the law, adding that no evidence was available to prove the charges.

The court, after hearing detailed arguments of parties, reserved its judgement on the remand plea for a short while.

Later, the court, an-

nouncing the reserved verdict, turned down the plea for physical remand and sent the anchorperson to jail on judicial remand.

make

progress: Dar LAHORE (APP): Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz Senator Ishaq Dar said on Friday that he was not sure that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder had written any letter to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or not. Talking to the media here, Dar said he had heard this on the media and if the PTI founder had written any letter to the IMF it was highly condemnable. Ishaq Dar said: "If any one does such thing and prefers personal political interest over the country's economic interest it is not only regrettable but also strongly con-demnable action."He said with the grace of Allah, The Almighty, the country would make progress.

PTI founder, Bushra could not be indicted in 190mln pounds scam

RAWALPINDI (Online): Judge Nasir Javed Rana of Special Accountability Court of Islamabad has adjourned hearing of Al-Qadir Trust case based on 190 million pounds financial scandal against PTI founder and his wife Bushra Begum till February 27 without

proceedings. Due to it both the accused persons could not be indicted.

Both of the accused Usman Gull and Zahir ence.

Deputy Prosecutor General (DPG) NAB Sardar Muzaffar Abbasi also appeared along with his team.

Former chairman PTI embraced Bushra Bibi in the court room as soon as they came face to face as both of them met each other after two and half weeks in the court. Both the accused were to be indicted. However the lawyers of the accused filed application in were present in the court the court for providing along with their lawyers them copies of the refer-

PML-N fields Malik, Zaheer for PA speaker, deputy speaker posts

LAHORE (APP): The Pa- has convened the PA seskistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has fielded Malik Muhammad bly chambers and he'll Ahmed Khan and Zaheer chair the session.

Iqbal Channar for the posts

The PML-N is the Iqbal Channar for the posts of speaker and deputy speaker of the Punjab Assembly. The party has already nominated Maryam Nawaz as the chief minis-

ter Punjab. The Punjab Assembly will meet on Saturday to elect the speaker and deputy speaker to the House during the 42nd session at the assembly cham-Muhammad Sibtain Khan

majority party in the PA, and its nominees-Malik Muhammad Ahmed and Zaheer Channar—have submitted their nomination papers for their election as the speaker and deputy speakers. On the other hand, Sunni Ittehad Council nominees, Malik Ahmad Khan Bhachar and Moeen-ud-Din Riaz Qureshi have also subbers. Incumbent Speaker mitted their nomination papers for the speaker.



QUETTA: Members of Jhalawan Awami Penal (JAP) are holding protest demonstration against alleged rigging in General Election 2024, at Quetta

AJK PM urges UN to resolve long-pending Kashmir dispute

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq has urged the United Nations to take measures for settlement of the long-pending Kashmir dispute for permanent peace in the re-

According to Kashmir Media Service, Anwar-ul-Haq in a statement issued in Muzaffarabad said that the world highest forum should take tangible measures to implement its resolutions on Kashmir so that the people of Jammu and Kashmir could decide their political future in a proper

Reacting to Indian worst example of fascism.'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the AJK prime minister said, "India cannot mislead the world community through its baseless narra-

He also urged the United Nations to take effective notice of India's expansionist designs in the

Referring to the disputed nature of the Kashmir dispute, the AJK Prime Minister said, "India cannot change the status of the disputed territory unilater-

He said that India's August 5th move was the

Majlis Fikr-o-Danish calls for forming empowered & trusted Provincial HEC

QUETTA: The Quetta Majlis Fikr-o-Danish (think tank) has underlined

the need to form an empowered and trustworthy Provincial Higher Education Commission (HEC) for complete overhauling and cleansing of the public sector universities in the province. In a statement issued here on Friday, it was regretfully pointed out that the deteriorated situation of the public sector universities and higher institutions of the research has turned more serious due to the negligence and carelessness of the previous governments.

As a result of which, the materialization of dream of creation of useful and constructive environment is seen nearly impossible. Due to the situation, the mother educational institution of the province and creativity.

wards closure while the overall situation of higher technical educational institution i.e., Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) has also be-While on the other

hand, the only women university (SBKWU) has also become hub of male interference and political and wisdom weakness. It was also stated that

there's a question of survival of the institutions in case of the non-payment of salaries of the employees.

Masood lauds contributions of Pak diaspora in US

ISLAMABAD (Online): US-based alumni of Na-Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan has said Pakistani professionals are not only making their mark in their respective fields but are also proving themselves as the most abiding link between Pakistan and the United

He said we are proud of the contributions of our diaspora in the United States as well as in the country of their origin. States. He made these remarks during an e-meeting with the leadership of

The Ambassador said the Embassy is actively engaged in connecting professional organizations of Pakistani Americans who are serving the country in vari-



UNITES STATES: Ambassador Masood Khan e-meeting with Dr. MunibaAgboatwalla Founder & Chairperson of HOPE Pakistan and its Director Ambreen Siddiqui.

Maryam Nawaz vacates NA-119 seat

LAHORE (INP): PML-N leader and the Punjab chief minister-elect, Maryam Nawaz, has announced her resignation from the National Assembly's NA-119 seat. This decision comes amidst her nomination and subsequent decision to take up the office of chief min-ister of Punjab, marking a significant shift in the political landscape of the province. Maryam Nawaz's resignation from NA-119 Lahore III was confirmed by sources close to the politician. In the February 8 general elections, Maryam Nawaz had won from this constituency with 83,855 votes against PTI-backed candidate Shehzad Farooq, who clinched 68,376 votes.

Among the other candidates for the seat were Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan's Muhammad Zaheer and Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP)

Tareen, CPD Officer partment to get the target of Muhammad Aslam and campaign for interest Iftikhar Shahid.

QUETTA: Provincial Secretary Health Abdullah Khan presiding over a meeting regarding Physiotherapy department.

UoG's Art and Film making competition wraps up with glitzy ceremony

Independent Report QUETTA: The Art and Film Making competition concluded with a grand fi-

nale over two eventful days at the Gwadar University. The event showcased an array of creativity and talent from budding artists

and filmmakers. The closing ceremony was held at the main seminar Hall of the University.

The event was attended by esteemed personalities including Moulana Hidayath Ur Rehman, Worthy Vice-Chancellor of Gwadar University Prof Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Deputy Commissioner Gwadar Aurang Zaib Badini, Principal GDA Raja Imtiaz Hussain, Registrar University Dolat Khan, Dean Faculty of Social Science Prof Dr. Jan Muhammad, Competition Judges, guests, Senior Fac-

More than a hundred participants participated in the competition. The twoday event was attended by a large number of people who witnessed fierce competition in various categories ranging from painting and sketches to short film production. During the closing cer-

emony, the Vice-Chancellor

of the university Prof Dr.

Abdul Razzaq Šabir com-

ulty members and students.

mended the participants for their exceptional talent and dedication to the arts. He emphasized the

importance of such events in fostering creativity and innovation among the youth, urging the participants to continue pursuing their artistic endeavors. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the organizers of the event. He also congratulated the winners of the inter-

university level competition which was organized by NAB Balochistan last year. The chief guest of the event, newly elected MPA Gwadar Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman said that Gwadar should be recognized not only because of CPEC but also because of our talented youth. Humans can reach the sky with their hard work and abilities. The region needs talented people and universities are the only institutions that produce talented people. Deputy Commissioner Gwadar, Aurang Zaib Badini, also graced the occasion with his presence, lauding the efforts of the university in organizing such a vibrant and inclusive competition. He highlighted the significance of art and filmmaking in cultural expression and community

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